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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/868,892, filed JULY 5, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-321727	November 11, 1999
Japan	11-355136	December 14, 1999
Japan	11-355137	December 14, 1999
Japan	2000-025711	February 2, 2000
Japan	2000-025712	February 2, 2000
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Japan	2000-048033	February 24, 2000
Japan	2000-298887	September 29, 2000
Japan	2000-313545	October 13, 2000
Japan	2000-313557	October 13, 2000
Japan	2000-326938	October 26, 2000

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- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No.          filed
- ☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP00/07909 filed 11/09/00.  
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